

HC Franks 50 years
in Philadelphia

HOLLAND *Linen*



August C. Frahn (Medallist)

Born Stuttgart, Germany

August 4, 1866 -

Served apprentice - Stuttgart - ~~under~~

Wilhelm Meyer -

after 18 yrs of age

Became master journeyman (Medallist)

Worked in Berlin, Mannheim -

1892 - Came to America at age
of 26 to see the Chicago World
Fair and became enthusiastic
over great opportunities here and
decided America was the
logical place to start
business also of idea
of getting away from the
political and economic turmoil
of Europe in those days

He now returned to his home after
25 years later.

1896 - started his business
after making for a time for
Wambles.

at South East Corner of 11th
and Chestnut, in Phila,
and he made dies, medals
and jewelry mfg. Pottery cut in steel -

Today as he reminisces -
he says he was for hoppers then,
without being to attend to
the completion of business as it
is today.

From the small die making
establishment he has finally

enlarged his place of business
until his name is well
known in circles where that
type of value is talked about
I see lots after starting
his business he met and
married Hertie Edelman
etc. Oct 14 - 18 - ?
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Business grew for one man
shop - year by year and
his two sons who have
always been with him since
they left school - now are
partners in a large factory
now carry 2000 sq ft
on Sanson Street Throgmorton
Avalon.

Present year main part of
business is making dies and
molds for the plaster industry
who is a real war job -
ever ~~go~~ enter the molding
of parts.

Ever since started business
his aim was to buy his sons
up in the business so his
art ~~board~~ craftsmanship would
continue to

His famous certificate to the
Medalist,

Perry Medal - for the
Geographical Society in

Cemeteries of dream of

with pole - year
was acquired with Dr. Santan (P)
and his son on

Elisha Kane Medal.

(P)

Dr.
Wm. Santan and his son

between South & Peru
Sansone, 1st man who built a
new house in P. Lila -

Sansone no mud road -
no lights -

Front Caldwell & Co -
for the 35 years a more up to
Present day.

Messenger found X came
down there after dark -

Dist Muls for Daily, Parks & Biddle

Historical Society of Penna

13th & Spruce

Have all kinds of Plats.

Made 4" medal for
the Society Commemorate
Amelia (Ho. Washing
Statue or Parkway. lots
removed)

Another medal com-
memorating flight of
Amelia Earhart -
now a Franklin museum.

Before Electric lights they
used gas light which was not
bright enough to illuminate
the work - so they filled a glass
Globe with water
and stood them before the
gas flame so that the
light was magnified
to better illuminate their
bench work -

When started business
made only dies
Q - then customers wanted
stampers

A - Screw Press - Original
steel die stock - in shop
today mostly hubbing

Part of the 1860s

making dies for the
Chinese mint

Medal made in Paris
said how to go back
I - Paris Mint
but he refused here
- could not tell difference

Very reluctant to accept instantly

1897

Medal "in Commemoration of the
Unveiling of the Washington Monument
(at the Parkway) in Philadelphia
May-15th 1897

1899

National Export Exposition
Medal - award by Franklin
Institute -

1886

24th ~~commemorative~~ R.
North American Saengerfest.
at Milwaukee Wis. July 21-26
1886 ✓
Ore

a great many of the original
dies and tools for the insignia
for the U.S. Army, Navy and
Air Corps - were made by the
A.C.F. firm are being made today

1900

Elisha Kent Kane Medal
awarded by Geographical
Society of Philadelphia - for
Eminent Geographical Research

NOV-29-1902 - the Sesqui
Centennial of the initiation of Washington
into Freemasonry

Edgar A. Tennis ^{was} P. W. Grand
Master - ^{and} John L. Kinsey
Worshipful Master of

Phil's Lodge No. 444 F. and A. M.
Philadelphia - at that time
which medal commemorates.

Combine life Events
with chronological.
historical Events and
is that you will be
lights are being installed
on etc - He made the

— medal for —
~~convention etc~~

Suggested

Line of copy for
Floor Club

1909

The R.E. Peary, U.S.N.
Medal presented to
Com R.E. Peary, U.S.N. by
The Geograph Soc. of Phila.
for the Discovery of the North
Pole -

1925

John Price Wetherill Medal
awarded by Franklin Institute

1926

Ralph Modjeski, Chief
Eng. Del River Bridge

Cement Dedication of ↗

~~Presented~~ Awarded by
Governor of Penna.

1932

Amelia Earhart Medal

Presented by Mayor Proctor

at Merket Bank Oct, 5-1932

to her as "1st woman etc

1934

~~Mrs. Roosevelt Medal~~

~~Present at Bank~~

~~Bank~~

Born Aug 4-1866

attended - Parochial School -

at age 14 ^{the firm of -}
apprenticed to Wilhelm Meyer & Co

in Stuttgart.

Trainer of Prageranstalt.
in Stuttgart where he learned
the die making trade - ^{the manufacture of}
to make dies for medals and
Coins and ornamental purposes -

Completed apprentice 4 years
later at the age of 18 - and
became a journeyman die &
medal maker (in the art of
die cutting &

Went to Mannheim, (on the Rhine)
and joined Diem
1 year -

19 years old -

Then went to Berlin - worked
for _____ then
went to Magdeburg about 7/4/90
worked for _____ back to Berlin
1 3/4 Berlin

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20-22 years

Magdeburg -

Hof Granier anstalt
Imperial Die Cutter for Royal House Government
Herrn Held -

X ~~worked for half price to learn more~~
after learning other methods for
~~well known~~
these die sin he retired
to Meys in Stuttgart!

X Boys made Sunday for no
pay to learn from Herman Held
who stood around in his velvet
jacket instructing the boys in the
art.

23 years -

Neyer is studying fulfilling
promise to return after studying
made masters of the track

about 1 or 2 years

1892 -

1892 - left Germany to see
Worlds Fair at Chicago - May 1st
fall of _____

arrived in New York Jan 12th 1892
~~On~~ the Dania - Steamship -

Went to Worlds Fair -

Some of wools from Meyer & Co
of Stuttgart was on exhibition
at ~~Worlds~~ Chicago Worlds
Fair and received a prize

He noticed the superior quality
of the wools (he) had been
doing, and decided the
opportunities for him were
here in America -

among the exhibits was one
from Meyer + Co - which
was a prize - and seeing the
type of work - he decided there
was a great field for the work
he was doing

1892 -

after visiting New York
for a few weeks he came to
Phila and found a position
here and shortly afterward
went into business for himself
at 1018 Chestnut and
^{5 yrs - 1894 - then 900 C. Corp.}
then moved to S.E. 11th
+ Chestnut - 5 yrs.
Then at 732 Lawrence

then there are some -

1894 -

~~1894~~

1895

1896

1897 - made medal - in
Commemoration of the unveiling
of the Washington Monument
Philadelphia - ^{on} May 15, 1897

1898

1899 - he was commissioned by
the F. I. to make this round
for the Natl. Expt. Exposition -
around - (was on display at the
old F. I. address - near a shot
land Car - lost in transit) - near
Franklin's efforts -)

1890 -

"Skipper" Johnson

Sleeps - away from
danger - skipper's lap

1900-

Elisha Kent Kane Medal

Commission to AC Frank

1902 - made the

Sesqui-Centennial of the
Institution of G. Washington

Freemasonry for P. L. Lodge
No 444 F and AM P. L.

with etc.

1909 - made Perry medal
for discovery of North Pole
Original on display at Smithsonian
Institute in Wash D.C. among
Perry effects.

1925 F. I. - ordered - silver medal

John Price Wetherburn Medal.

War efforts have greatly
interfered with medal
work at present engaged
in

4 - medals
Plat rolls

Sansen Business Associate ✓
wanted light a Sansen St -
apart to dark streets -

Ordered for pavement Ordered for
sansen street to replace the old
bricks -

1st one with cement
pavement a Sansen St.

Sansom Farm was
located here and Sanson
was 1st builder of Row House
in Phila -

a great many of the Originals
due to the Army - Navy -
An Cap ensigns were
made by A.C. Frank -

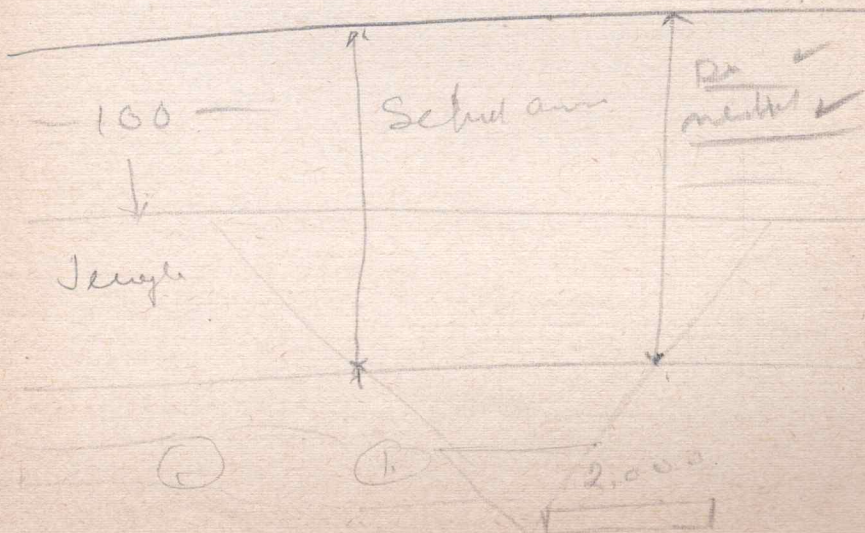


athletic Medals -

Standard Medal A.N.U.

Jr. org

Sr. Org



Made Savage Badges

Portraits cut in steel
new spontivity - good for
likeness

real the whole basis of the
medalions -

Remembers Has been start
Cars - & when motorman stood
on stream in winter to keep
just now - and passengers
got out and walked
up hill - and finally
got motor plate enclosed

etc,

Plastics

went into plastics
molds and at a very
recent ~~to~~ went to
molding plastics

Stamping
die casts
molds

Progress in ¹¹ machines
in steps with modern advances
and often in the leading.

great Productor capacity

Same way with engraving
dept - & the new have
modern engraving and duplicator
machine I faulted the
- or. of this and replace
a great deal of the old
original hand effort

Have equipment for ^{transferring} Sculpture
relief models by which
cast dies and tools

Photographs ✓

Old Catalogues ✓

Photograph of Bench

13th Jan 1901

Political Society



Dear Sir

Thank you for the receipt of the 13th

Jan - I am now in

London and shall be

able to do so very soon

and shall be most happy

to meet you at that time

and the more so as

it is a pleasure to

know a person who

is so kind

to write me that

was so good to plant

me in the field